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1. (currently amended) A computer readable medium bearing logic executable by a computer ~~for: program comprising computer program code means adapted to perform the steps of:~~
- ~~providing, by receiving, from~~ the user, a unique identifier, the unique identifier comprising both a sequence of keystrokes and the inter-keystroke intervals associated with provision of those keystrokes;
- comparing the unique identifier ~~provided by~~ received from the user with a reference unique identifier by:
- comparing the sequence with a sequence from the reference unique identifier to render a sequence comparison;
- comparing ~~[[the]]~~ at least one absolute inter-keystroke interval~~[[s]]~~ of the unique identifier with ~~[[the]]~~ a respective absolute inter-keystroke interval~~[[s]]~~ of the reference unique identifier to render an absolute comparison and returning a true indication if the absolute inter-keystroke interval of the unique identifier is within a predetermined tolerance of the absolute inter-keystroke interval of the reference identifier;
- comparing ~~[[the]]~~ at least one relative inter-keystroke interval~~[[s]]~~ of the unique identifier, the relative inter-keystroke interval being a ratio of an absolute inter-keystroke interval in the unique identifier to a predetermined absolute inter-keystroke interval in the unique identifier, with ~~[[the]]~~ a respective reference relative inter-keystroke interval~~[[s]]~~ of the reference unique identifier, the reference relative inter-keystroke interval being a ratio of an absolute inter-keystroke interval in the reference unique identifier to a predetermined absolute inter-keystroke interval in the reference unique identifier, to render a relative comparison and

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returning a true indication if the relative inter-keystroke interval of the unique identifier is within a predetermined tolerance of the relative inter-keystroke interval of the reference identifier; and

authenticating said user if both said the sequence comparison, the absolute comparison, step and said relative comparison step all return a true indication.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended) A computer readable medium ~~program~~ as claimed in claim [[2]] 1 further comprising the step of entry by the user of the reference unique identifier and wherein said predetermined tolerance is determined during said step of entry by the user of the reference unique identifier.

4. (currently amended) A computer readable medium ~~program~~ as claimed in claim 3 wherein said predetermined tolerance is explicitly set by the user.

5. (currently amended) A computer readable medium ~~program~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the unique identifier is provided by directly by the user.

6. (new) A computer selectively granting access to a user by:
receiving an input password;

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comparing the input password to a reference password, wherein the comparing undertaken by the computer includes:

determining a first time interval between keystrokes in the input password;

determining a second time interval between keystrokes in the input password;

determining a ratio of the first and second time intervals;

comparing the ratio to a time interval ratio associated with the reference password to render a ratio comparison; and

based at least in part on the ratio comparison, deciding whether to grant the user access.

7. (new) The computer of Claim 6, wherein the computer also bases an access decision on a comparison of at least one absolute time interval between keystrokes in the input password to a respective absolute time interval associated with the reference password.

8. (new) The computer of Claim 6, wherein the computer also bases an access decision on a comparison of a sequence of keystrokes in the input password to a sequence of keystrokes associated with the reference password.

9. (new) The computer of Claim 7, wherein the computer also bases an access decision on a comparison of a sequence of keystrokes in the input password to a sequence of keystrokes associated with the reference password.

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